

## STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY



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RE: Regional All-Hazards Incident Management Teams (IMT)

The Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS), through the Incident Management Team Committee of the Statewide Emergency Management and Homeland Security Coordinating Council (Coordinating Council), is assisting in the establishment of regional all-hazards Incident Management Teams (IMTs). These regional IMTs are composed of local volunteers, who have received specific training to serve on an IMT. The IMT is designed to provide personnel that are trained and organized to support emergency response and recovery efforts or planned event operations by providing the framework necessary to establish an incident command or unified command system as required by the National Incident Management System (NIMS.) Each IMT will provide support and consultation to the Incident Commander/Unified Commander. Overall command of any incident always remains with the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ), unless the AHJ chooses to relinquish command through a written delegation of authority. This delegation of authority will not relieve the local AHJ of responsibility for the incident or event.

■ Role of IMT Committee of Coordinating Council

The Incident Management Team Committee (IMT Committee) of the Coordinating Council has created an Implementation Manual to assist in the creation and maintenance of the regional IMTs. The Manual is attached to this Advisory Bulletin. The IMT Committee of the Coordinating Council will make policy recommendations with regard to the IMTs, and recommend to DEMHS approval of such teams and their policies, review after-action reports, and establish membership qualifications.

Role of Regional IMT

The regional IMTs will be administered at the regional/local level, with emphasis on ensuring that the IMT members have the appropriate cognitive and practical skills necessary to serve on the IMT. Each regional IMT will develop a manual which is consistent with the other regions and adopt bylaws to govern the activities of the IMT.

## Role of DEMHS

DEMHS, through the IMT Committee of the Coordinating Council, will provide policy oversight of and assistance to the regional IMTs. Assistance may include coordination of meetings among IMTs, drafting and review of documents, and training activities.

DEMHS has also created a Standard Operating Procedure and set of forms for use in requesting activation under Connecticut General Statutes Title 28. These materials are attached to this Advisory Bulletin.

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